

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Currently in the case, after amendment, Applicant requests reconsideration and ultimate allowability of all aspects of the case, including all of the remaining claims 1-8.

The points raised by the Examiner in the written office action will be responded to in the order they were discussed by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 are noted. In response to paragraph 3, the claim is amended for positive recitation of structure to make the meaning unmistakably clear.

With regard to paragraph 4, please note that the claim 1 requires “said **second end** of said first vertical elevation cord extending **beyond a first ladder opening of said first ladder cord occupied by a louver farthest from said base louver** by a length greater than required for connection of said second end of said vertical elevation cord to a channel and component assembly of a horizontal blind set”.

As such, the additional cord length set forth in Judkins does NOT show, in a PLURALITY OF LOUVERS an excess of cord length BEYOND THE LOUVER FARTHEST FROM the base SUFFICIENT to meet the limitation “length greater than required for connection to a channel and component assembly of a horizontal blind set”. The rejection under §102 with respect to Judkins will properly fail.

With regard to the rejection in paragraphs 5 and 6 under 35 U.S. C. §103 as unpatentable over Judkins 6,119,757 with respect to Debs 4,487,243, the claims (as amended) at issue (5-8) fail on four counts. First, Debs illustrates the assembly of a conventional blind set wherein a custom, known arrangement is interfitted with known upper components, and without the

provision of the structure recited, especially a structure which includes cordage of a "length greater than required for connection to a channel and component assembly of a horizontal blind set" as well as numerous other specific limitations. Combining Debs and Judkins again focusses upon the use of the lower end as a storage device.

Secondly, Debs does not deal with interfitting a set which is not pre-cut and of the pre-measured compatible structure.

Thirdly, both the structure required, and steps required with the structure of the claim are not met by the combination.

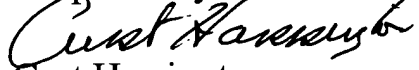
Fourthly, combining Debs and Judkins yields an arrangement which is pre-compatible at the top (and ignores the purpose and aim of the invention), but in which some storing adjustability is had at the bottom storage louver.

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The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's Attorney at the number below between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, if such will advance this case.

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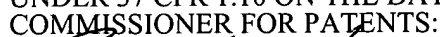
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